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**REQUEST FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

Sir:

The applicant, through its attorney, herewith requests that the subject patent application be granted a **Small Entity Status**.

Respectfully submitted,

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